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1. Between 7 and 10 January 1954, the HVDGP moved from Heinrich Mann-Strasse in Niederschoenhausen to Paetz Castle near Koenigswusterhausen. Captains Meuner and Schuetz belong to the PK Department of this unit. 1
2. In early January 1954, a new border police school was set up at Schenkendorf near Koenigswusterhausen. During the reported period, only the cadre personnel were stationed at the installation. 2
3. In early January 1954, about 180 officer candidates and 40 instruction and cadre personnel were stationed at the border police officers' school in Sondershausen. [REDACTED] 25X1
4. The Border Police Bereitschaft in Nordhausen numbered about 400 men, of whom 80 to 100 were attached to the headquarters. Senior Lieutenant Graf was political officer of the unit [REDACTED] 25X1
5. On 1 January 1954, the HVDGP moved from Berlin-Pankow to Paetz, south of Koenigswusterhausen, where quarters in temporary buildings had been prepared. The movement was about 80% completed by 15 January 1954. 1
6. In early January 1954, [REDACTED] it was planned to split the Border Police Bereitschaft in Rostock. This Bereitschaft consists of land forces and naval units. Details of the planned reorganization were not yet known. Officers assigned to the Border Police Bereitschaft in Rostock included: 25X1

Lieutenant Colonel Reimann,	CO of the Bereitschaft
Major Mueller,	chief of staff
Lieutenant Colonel Schoenberg,	political officer
Major Beute,	chief of Grenzkommandantur
	Bergen on Ruegen/Island
	chief of Grenzkommandantur
	Barth on Ruegen/Island
Captain Kaudel,	

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The Border Police Bereitschaft in Rostock was the only Border Police Bereitschaft to have a permanent radio connection with the HVDGP. However, all Border Police Bereitschaften were scheduled to be equipped with 100-Watt transmitters in the first quarter of 1954. In connection with these plans, a radio course was being held in Glowe. This course was attended by 70 men.

7. In early January [redacted] the headquarters of Border Police Bereitschaft Koepfelsdorf was to be moved to the Saalfeld area, because it proved impossible to establish a radio connection with Koepfelsdorf. The Border Police komendatura formerly located at Oberlind was transferred to Koepfelsdorf. 25X1
8. On 1 January, the organization of the 4th Border Police Bereitschaft of the "Ring um Berlin" was started. The headquarters of the Bereitschaft is in Schenkendorf. The unit will ultimately have a strength of 1,450 officers and men. 2
9. As of 20 December 1953, the Border Police Bereitschaft in Frankfurt/Oder had a total strength of 423 officers and men. The headquarters numbered 56 men instead of 46 as laid down in the table of organization, while each of the staffs of the komendaturas in Frankfurt/Oder and Forst numbered 22 men. The individual Granzkommandos averaged 12 men each, while their authorized strength was 16 men. On account of complaints, the HVDGP initiated an investigation against Major Buder, CO of the Border Police Bereitschaft and his political officer, Major Weiss. The investigation took place between 12 and 21 December and was carried out, among others, by Senior Lieutenants Maschlanka and Grant, Major Kuballa, and Captain Mosch.
10. [redacted] three Soviet advisors each were attached to all Border Police Bereitschaften employed along the so-called D-line and in the cordon around Berlin. One advisor each was attached to the commanding officer of the Bereitschaft, his chief of staff, and his political officer respectively. 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The Soviet advisors were subordinate to the so-called "Soviet Group" and once per month went to Wuensdorf to be briefed on their missions.
11. [redacted] at
Ammunition and/or ordnance depots of the Border Police were available Rahnsdorf and Kirchheim-Dobrilugk. The guard details at the Rahnsdorf ammunition depot were subordinate to the HVDGP with regard to disciplinary matters and to the Border Police Bereitschaft in Schenkendorf with regard to supply matters. A boat building shop of the Border Police was located at Ribnitz port. 3
12. Sedans observed at the HVDGP included:
[redacted] a red BMW, used by the Soviet advisor of Border Police Bereitschaft Grabow. 25X1
[redacted] a red BMW, used by the CO of Border Police Bereitschaft Grabow.
[redacted] BMW, used by Bereitschaft Schoenberg.
[redacted] grey BMW, used by the CO of Border Police Bereitschaft Meiningen.
[redacted] black BMW, used by the advisor of Border Police Bereitschaft Meiningen.
[redacted] probably used by the SSD; the car was only seen at night at the HVDGP. 25X1
[redacted] the car was once seen at the HVDGP in late November 1953.
[redacted] BMW, used by the SSD Nordhausen.

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[redacted] sedan used by the SSD Nordhausen.
a Volkswagen used by Border Police Bereitschaft Koepfelsdorf.
a Volkswagen used by Border Police Bereitschaft Pirna.

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1. [redacted] Comment. It was previously known, that quartering facilities for the HVDGP had been prepared since November 1953.

2. [redacted] Comment. The organization of a 4th Border Police Bereitschaft for the Berlin Gorden (Ring um Berlin) was previously reported [redacted]

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[redacted] Information on the existence of a Border Police School in Schenkendorf was received for the first time.

3. [redacted] Comment. The ordnance depot at Hennersdorf near Dobrilugk is a KVP installation, which possibly also supplies border police units.

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